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1. [REDACTED]
2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are noted [REDACTED] and referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| A. Anchorage | K. Three cranes |
| B. Vessel's track | L. Two cranes |
| C. Reduced speed | M. Four or five cranes |
| D. Engaged tug | N. Shipyard |
| E. First berth | [REDACTED] |
| F. Second berth | P. Soviet ship |
| G. Pilot discharged | Q. Soviet ship |
| H. Main signal station | R. Chinese ship |
| I. Secondary signal station | S. Tank farm |
| J. Three smokestacks | |

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c. [] the location of the main signal station at designator H. All berth assignments and approval of harbor movements were made there. A secondary signal station was located at designator I. This station was about 100' tall, constructed of reinforced concrete, appeared to be a dirty yellow color, and had a railed balcony 10' from the top. There were no lights on this signal tower at night and [] it operated only during daylight hours. There were about three men in the station.

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d. [] three 50-60' smokestacks somewhere along the line designated J. These conspicuous objects were not lighted at night. [] they were possibly connected to canneries or used some way in the fishing industry.

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5. Pilot Data and Weather

a. 24-hour pilot service was available and compulsory. The pilot boat was a 50' diesel tug, and it had a black hull, white superstructure, and a royal blue funnel with a Red Chinese character on it. No military personnel were observed on the tug. []

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be frightened, unsure of their tenures as pilots, and uncertain about their place in the new Communist society. All the pilots wore heavy black coats and fuzzy fur caps with ear flaps. They wore black epaulets with gold piping and a gold star in the center.

b. [] there was considerable fog which was hazardous to navigation. Occasionally the fog would lift but visibility was always poor.

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6. Controls

a. At designator A a customs agent, an immigration doctor, two field security administration police, and the agent arrived by tug. The customs agent wore a black coat, fur cap with ear flaps and a red star in the front. His epaulets were black with gold piping and a red star in the center. The police wore dark khaki pants and jackets, and had red epaulets with a white band across them. They wore fur caps with a red star on the front and they carried rifles.

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b. At the first berth, three customs agents, 15 customs searchers, one health official, and three field security administration police boarded. The customs searchers wore blue pants, jackets, and caps with a red star on the caps. [] the color of blue varied greatly from uniform to uniform, if, indeed, they were uniforms. The senior field security administration officer spoke broken English.

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[] all the officials were "courteous, friendly, and helpful." The officials accepted no cigarettes or liquor when it was offered, but they did accept tea.

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c. One soldier and one customs searcher were stationed at the foot of the gangway. The soldier wore a dark khaki uniform and a fur cap with a red star on it. He had red epaulets with a white band. Senior soldiers wore a white star instead of a white band. The soldier carried an automatic rifle. The customs searcher wore the blue uniform described above. The guard and customs searcher changed every eight hours. It was only necessary to show the pass in order to leave the ship. No surveillance boats were noted.

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7. Harbor Craft [] tugs [] were approximately 40-50' long and had 1500 horsepower engines, and they were painted similar to the pilot tug. [] no dredges, salvage equipment, ice breakers, or lighterage in subject port or harbor.

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8. Berth

- a. [] Berthing area is shown on diagram

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[] estimated the depth of water at berth to have been 30'. the pier and all its buildings had been constructed by the Japanese. There were no major improvements or reconstruction on the pier. The two-story, dirty-yellow, reinforced concrete warehouse had wooden swinging doors. It was in good condition. The pier was illuminated at night by four lights on each side of the pier. Near vessel's berth these lights were attached to the warehouse. [] the lighting [] not very good."

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- b. []

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[] The five two-ton, semi-portal, electric cranes located at the berth were "worthless" [] These very old cranes were used to lift the sugar from the pier deck to the second story of the warehouse. The cranes were operated entirely by men. [] local cargo from the Dairen area on the pier.

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[] berth at designator F [] is illustrated on diagram [] The pier was illuminated by floodlights on each side of the pier at the end. The surface of the pier was cobbled and was supported by reinforced concrete pillars.

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9. Harbor Facilities [] three five-ton, electric, semi-portal cranes which were painted black at designator K. Two fixed, tripod, hydraulic, two-ton cranes were located at designator L, and four or five five-ton gantry cranes were at designator M.

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10. Clearance Facilities

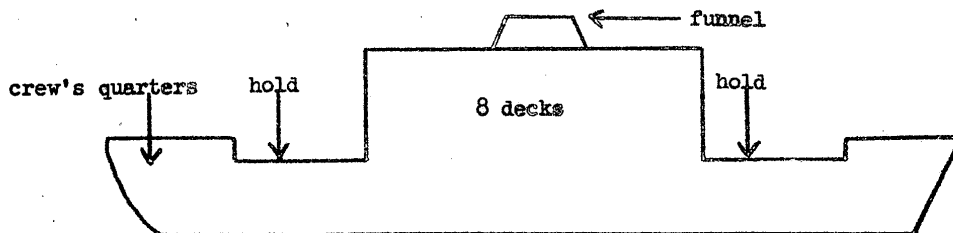
a. [] the railroads and all equipment connected with them were in "very good condition." The tracks on the pier were 3'8" gage, "just over a pace []" The railroad cars were about three years old and of steel construction. Each car had a small charcoal burner in it with a small smokestack protruding through the roof. The diesel engines were old but in good condition, [] to have been of Japanese manufacture. The car couplings were spring-operated [] On Pier #2 cars were changed and switched by a diesel engine twice a day at 0500 and 2000 local time.

b. There were no trucks noted in subject port and [] only three automobiles. Animal-drawn carts were used exclusively for transporting goods within the city.

c. Vessel employed workers in gangs of 30 for each hatch, each gang working in eight-hour shifts, 24 hours per day, seven days per week. [] they worked hard and did a good job. A foreman was in charge of each hatch and a general foreman was overseer for the entire operation. Neither the workers nor the foremen spoke English, and it was necessary to communicate with them through the agent. The workers were well clothed, all wearing lined pants, jackets, and fur caps. Women were employed to sweep the warehouse floors. Wages were very low, [] the average being 60 sens per month (slightly over US\$3). but there was an incentive bonus for efficient work and overtime. [] the workers' morale was high and they seemed happy.

11. Naval Vessels

[] This vessel was about 250' long and had eight decks amidships. [] this motor ship could do 12-13 knots. The hull was painted sea-green and the superstructure was cream. It had one funnel, and displayed conventional international lighting. [] this "strange ship" [] appearing somewhat like a coastal cargo vessel, but [] it was a troop transport. [] concept of the vessel is diagramed below. No naval vessels were seen in subject port, nor were any naval personnel seen ashore.



12. Ship Repair [] a shipyard at designator N [] had three slips which were serviced by eight 10-ton gantry cranes. No smokestacks or unusually large buildings were observed in that area, however. One Liberty ship, [] thought [] be Soviet, was being repaired.

13. Merchant Vessels

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designator P was berthed a 1500 ton Soviet coastal freighter with two hatches, accommodations aft, and an ice breaker bow. This vessel had a "good paint job" and was "nice looking," [redacted] A five thousand ton Soviet vessel was berthed at designator Q. This vessel appeared old to source but it had a good paint job and appeared to be in otherwise excellent condition. It had radar mounted above the bridge and also had an ice breaker bow. An old, two thousand ton Chinese Communist coastal passenger vessel was berthed at designator R. [redacted] she could make eight knots and accommodate 150 passengers. This ship had radar and was in "perfect condition," [redacted]
14. Petroleum and Grain At designator S [redacted] a small tank farm consisting of 12 or 13 tanks approximately 30' high and 40' in diameter. They were painted silver and the paint looked reasonably fresh and neat. No grain elevator was noted in subject port.
15. Shore Activities [redacted] no restrictions on [redacted] movements in the city. Very few military personnel were encountered on the streets. [redacted] a hospital which had been built by the Japanese [redacted] was not crowded [redacted] it was not clean [redacted] the Seamen's Club [redacted] was a large, two-story building [redacted] Large pictures of Chinese Communists hung on the walls. Propaganda was available but was not forced on anyone. Liquor was served at a small bar, a dining room served meals at a reasonable rate, and overnight accommodations were available. There were one or two small bars in the city and a restaurant atop the main store. No prostitutes were seen and the Chinese bragged that they had eliminated prostitution from their new society.
16. Miscellaneous
- a. [redacted] all guards, military personnel, civil officials, and port administrators whom he encountered were Chinese. No Soviet flags were seen in the port and Dairen was by all indications under the administration and control of Red China.
- b. [redacted] low level of industrialization in Dairen. [redacted] no evidence of the manufacture or stockpiling of naval weapons in or near Dairen.
- c. [redacted] there was an adequate supply of electricity in subject port but [redacted] the power was low. [redacted] the lights cast a "yellow glow." Everything was lighted at night, including the piers and all streets. However, the lights were too sparsely located and too dim to provide illumination of the quality and quantity found in US cities, and left enough dark and shadowy areas to provide cover for cutthroats and pilferers.
- d. [redacted] the main objective of the Communist government was to feed and clothe her citizens. This objective takes precedence over construction and expansion of industry, and [redacted] although everyone is very poor, the people appeared to be reasonably well fed and clothed. The Chinese people "became so disgusted with every form of government that they were willing to give Communism a try as a sort of desperate hope." [redacted] Communism as practiced in China is different from the Soviet brand of Communism to which Western minds are accustomed, and "the Chinese are happy and morale is high." [redacted]

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e. [redacted] although the Chinese do not love the Soviets, they do not hate them either. There is a strong anti-US feeling in China, [redacted] the Chinese being insulted and angered because the US government refuses to recognize the Communist government. The people [redacted] could not understand the attitude of the US. 25X1

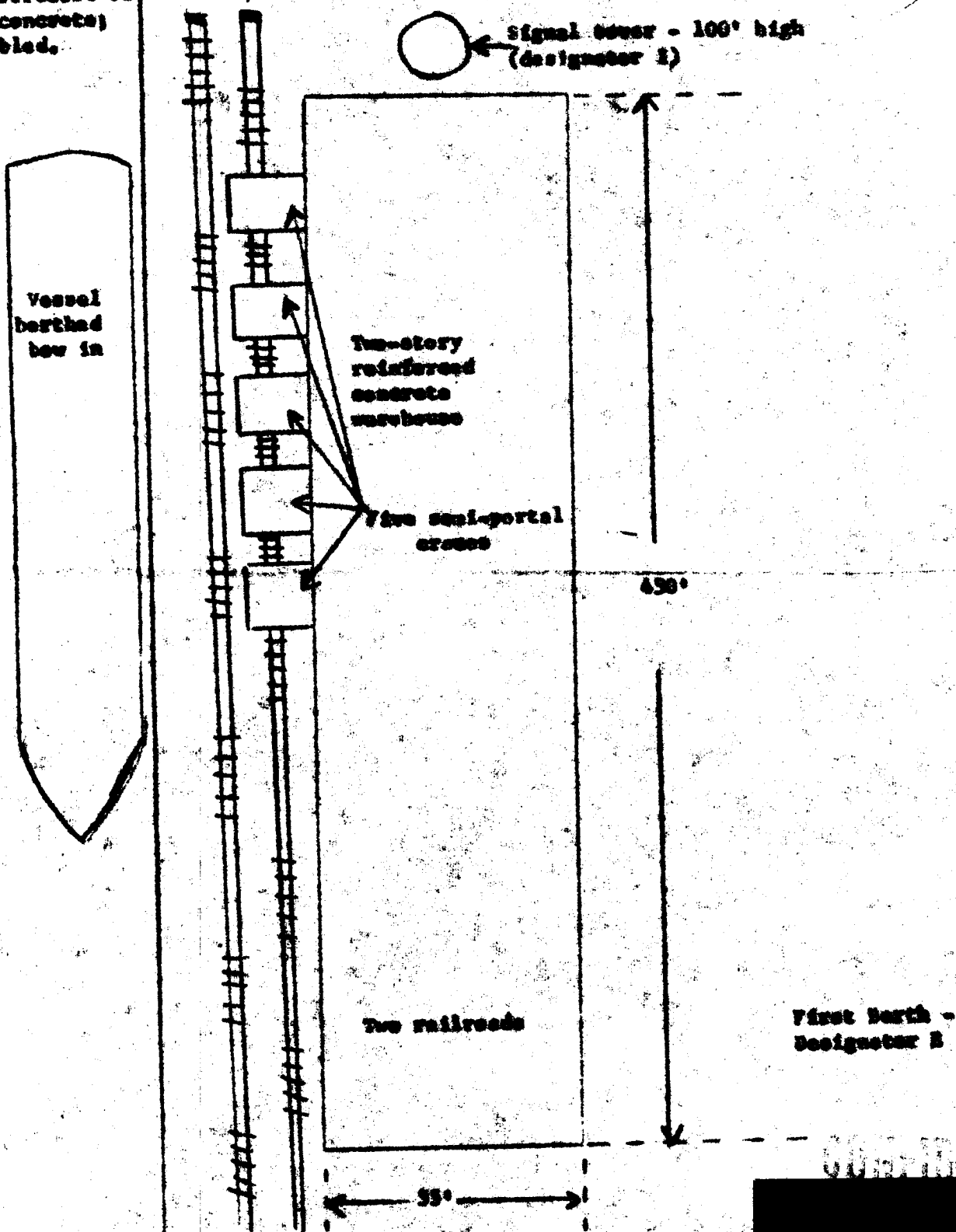
f. [redacted] few people in Dairen speak English. Groups of children were observed patrolling the streets with long sticks to kill birds which were labeled "people's enemies" because they ate grain. [redacted] the anti-bird campaign was successful. [redacted] All important buildings in Dairen date from the Japanese occupation, and no new construction has been undertaken. 25X1

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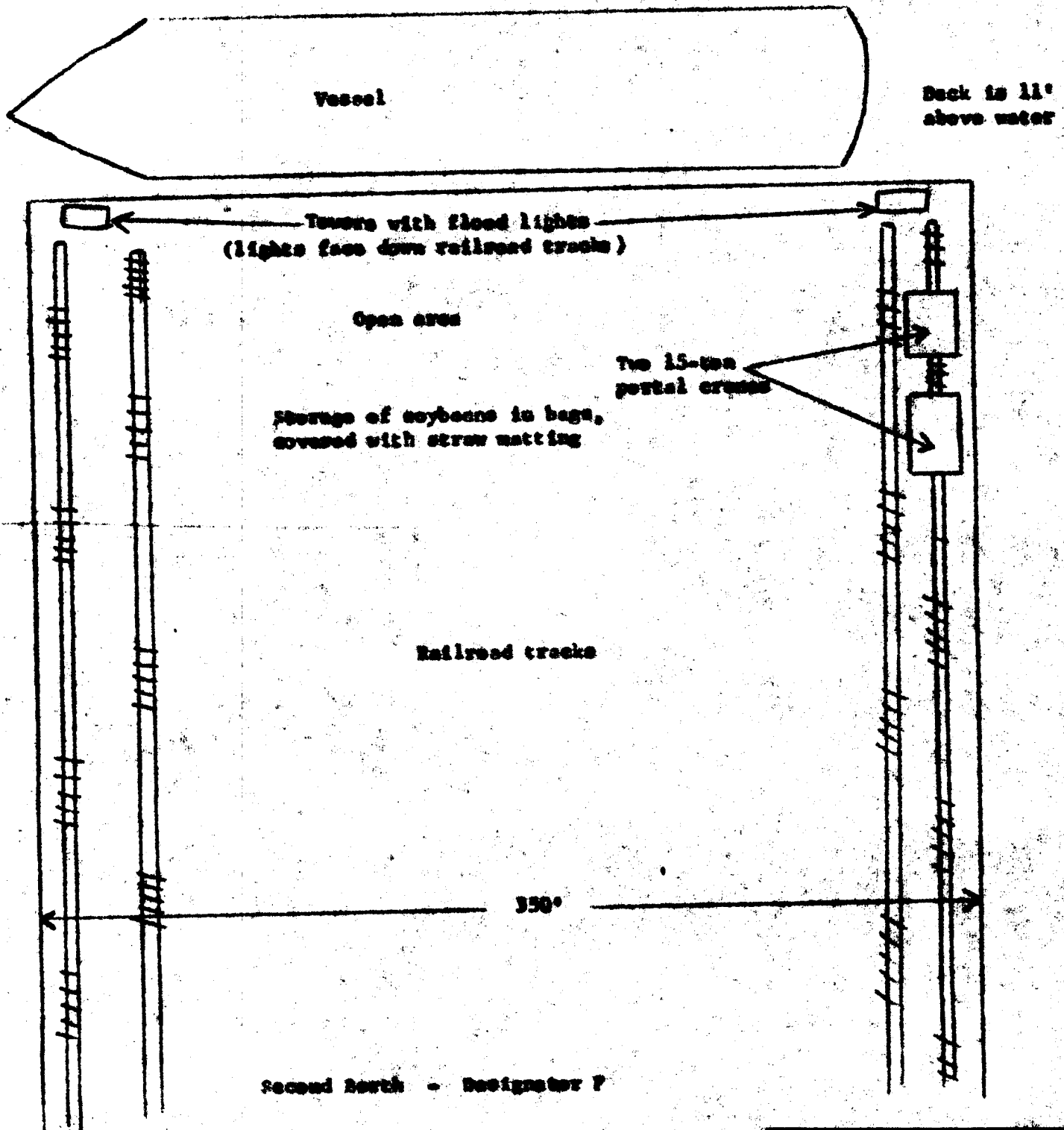
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